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HOUSE BILL 2084  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-1-211; Title 57, Chapter 5; Title 66, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 24, relative to providing certain health care and treatment for certain women.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-24-104(e)(1), is amended by deleting from subdivision (A) the language "Public information programs culturally appropriate to the target populations;" and by substituting instead the language "Public information programs culturally appropriate to the target populations which shall generally describe the effects of alcohol and drugs on the fetus;".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-24-104, is further amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (f):

(f)(1) In those areas or counties where the pilot project established pursuant to subsection (e) is implemented, the commissioner of health and the commissioner of education shall jointly create and implement a program to be presented annually at the public schools grades six (6) through twelve (12) in such areas or counties which explains the effects of alcohol and drugs on a developing fetus and which provides information on the availability of the prevention and treatment services included in the pilot project established pursuant to subsection (e). Such program shall be made available to private schools in such areas or counties requesting the presentation of the program, subject to the availability of resources and funding.

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(2) The commissioners of health and education shall jointly develop a procedure to implement the requirements of subdivision (1).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it.